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community
forum



Saturday, May 6, 2006
8:30 a.m – 12:00 p.m.

Wentworth Institute of Technology
550 Huntington Avenue
Watson Auditorium
Mission Hill

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May 6, 2006

Welcome to Today's Wireless Community Forum!

Thank you for coming and joining our effort to bring a new technology to Boston. Wireless municipal networks, commonly known as WiFi, are being discussed, planned and implemented in cities and towns throughout the world. To date, no city the size and density of Boston has built a city-wide network and so we need to study this opportunity very carefully before moving forward.

I appointed a top-notch group of individuals from business, the community, and higher education to advise me on how best to proceed with building a wireless network within the City of Boston. The Wireless Task Force will deliver recommendations to me by July 14th.

I asked the Wireless Task Force to convene today's forum to gather ideas and information from the community to make sure that we incorporate your ideas into the final report. Boston has always been a community that prides itself on original thinking and innovations dating back to the days of the American Revolution and the development of the phone and more recently, the spreadsheet and Ethernet and many other cutting edge technologies. Please help us guide this important project.

Thank you for coming today and I want to give a special thank you to Zorica Pantic, President of Wentworth Institute of Technology, for hosting this gathering.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston

agenda

8:30 – 9:00

Registration/breakfast/display booths [Watson Auditorium]

- Light breakfast
- Registration and sign in
- Meet and greet
- Vendor display booths open

9:00 – 9:30

Plenary – Opening [Watson Auditorium]

- Dr. Zorica Pantic – President
Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Joyce Plotkin – President
Mass Technology Leadership Council
- Nyvia Colón – Director of Technology Programs
Madison Park Development Corporation

9:30 – 9:45

Plenary – WiFi Introduction [Watson Auditorium]

- Adam Weiss – Wireless Demonstration
by Museum of Science

9:45 – 10:15

Breakout Session #1

- WiFi, Wireless, and Internet 101 [Watson Auditorium]
- WiFi Business Models and Technical Discussion
[Room 210], [Room 214], [Room 212], if necessary [Room 205]

10:15 – 10:30

Intermission

[Watson Auditorium]

- Move Between Breakout Sessions
- Vendor Display Booths Open

10:30 – 11:15

Breakout Session #2

[Classrooms]

- Wireless in the Classroom* – Impact of wireless
and internet access on schools and students [Room 212]
- Mobility* – From parks to cafes to cars;
WiFi and the Internet on the move [Room 214]
- Speed and Price* – How speed and price drive
adoption and application uses [Room 307]
- Small Businesses* – Economic development
and opportunities for SMBs [Room 210]
- Improvements to City Service* [Room 312]
- Tools for Civic Engagement* [Room 314]

11:15 – 11:30

Plenary – Reports & Closing

[Watson Auditorium]

- Reflection of Event Highlights
- Closing Speakers

11:30 – 12:00

Display Booths Open

[Watson Auditorium]